



The Meaning of the Sacrifices

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<h3><u>FORGIVENESS OF SPIRITUAL SIN</u></h3> <p>· Eternal · Heavenly</p> <p>Providing a right relationship with God in the Spiritual Kingdom</p> <p>=Through FAITH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrews 10:4 “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Though the Levitical sacrifices could not perfectly and finally take away the guilt of sin, they were sufficient for theocratic forgiveness as part of the nation of Israel’s relationship with God (Ex.19:5; De.27:10). The sacrifices are simply an act of obedience to God (1Sa.15:22). • Spiritual forgiveness is only possible when offered in faith. • The effectiveness of the sacrifices are not dependent on the spiritual state of the person offering them. • All Israelites were related to God since they are of the seed of Abraham. <p><u>Purpose of the Sacrifices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sacrifices restored the sinner to a proper relationship in the theocratic kingdom. • The sacrifices prefigured the final sacrifice of Christ which is able to make the worshiper “perfect” (He.10:1). 	<h3><u>FORGIVENESS OF SPIRITUAL SIN</u></h3> <p>· Eternal · Heavenly</p> <p>Providing a right relationship with God in the Spiritual Kingdom</p> <p>=Through FAITH</p> <p>Today any relationship with God is direct and spiritual.</p> <p><u>Relationship of the Church to Abraham</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The church is a (spiritual) seed of Abraham. • Israel is the (natural) seed of Abraham. - The spiritual seed of Abraham is also called spiritual Israel. <p>Spiritual forgiveness is only possible when offered in faith.</p> <p>All Israelites were related to God since they are of the seed of Abraham.</p> <p>Christ’s “one for all time” sacrifice satisfied the demands of the Father. That is, past, present, and future.</p> <p><u>Relationship of the Church to the Kingdom</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believers are brought into “the kingdom of His dear Son (Co.1:13). • Unbelievers are warned that they will not enter the kingdom (1Co.6:9-10; Ga.5:21; Ep.5:5). • Paul and others labored “unto the kingdom of God (Co.4:1). - The church is distinct yet related to the heavenly kingdom (Col.1:13; Jn.3:1-8). 	<h3><u>FORGIVENESS OF SPIRITUAL SIN</u></h3> <p>· Eternal · Heavenly</p> <p>Providing a right relationship with God in the Spiritual Kingdom</p> <p>=Through FAITH</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 11:6-9; 65:25</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tom Elseroad meaning_of_sacrifices.cdr http://www.elseroad.com 08-20-2000</p>